

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An apparatus including a hanger and a fabric article comprising:

a hanging element;

a shaft having a top end and a bottom end, the hanging element disposed on the top end of the shaft;

a support element disposed on the bottom end of the shaft and extending outwardly therefrom to provide a support base;

the article rolled around the shaft to form a cylinder, whereby the base supports the article in a vertical position; and

a strap encircling the article.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is ring shaped.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is a disk.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element is pivotally connected to the shaft and the support element pivoting between a first position approximately parallel to the shaft and a second position approximately perpendicular to the shaft.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein the pivotally connected support element comprises a notch dimensioned to receive the shaft.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising a header element, wherein the header element is disposed on the shaft between the hanging element and the article.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the header element is trapezoidal in cross section.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the header element is rectangular in cross section.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element extends radially from the shaft.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus including a hanger and a fabric article comprising:

a hanging element;

a shaft having a top end and a bottom end, the hanging element disposed on the top end of the shaft;

a support element disposed on the bottom end of the shaft and extending outwardly therefrom to provide a support base, the support element being pivotally connected to the shaft and pivoting between a first position approximately ~~parallel to~~ coplanar with the shaft and a second position approximately perpendicular to the shaft; and

the article rolled around the shaft to form a cylinder, whereby the base supports the article in a vertical position

~~wherein the support element is pivotally connected to the shaft and pivots between a first position approximately coplanar with the shaft and a second position approximately perpendicular to the shaft.~~

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 12, wherein the support element is a disk.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 12, wherein the pivotally connected support element comprises a notch dimensioned to receive the shaft.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 12, further comprising a header element, wherein the header element is disposed on the shaft between the hanging element and the article.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 15, wherein the header element is trapezoidal in cross section.

17. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 15, wherein the header element is rectangular in cross section.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 12, further comprising a strap encircling the article.

19. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support element extends radially from the shaft.